

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

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A ~~covering device for floor coverings~~ (2) is described with a ~~profiled cover for floor covering~~ is made from an ~~extruded profile and has a~~ (4) that is provided with one covering flange (6) and at least one clamping web (7) which protrudes downward from the covering flange (6), extends in the longitudinal direction of the profiled cover (4), and is used for fastening the profiled cover (4) in a fixture. The cover (9), with said device also comprising also comprises a compensating strip (5) that can be employed if desired, by being fastened to the profiled cover (4) by means of a form-fitting tongue and groove joint, connecting to the underside of the covering flange (6). In order to provide advantageous manufacturing conditions it is proposed that the profiled cover (4), developed from an extruded profile is provided with a The tongue and groove joint is formed by at least one longitudinal groove (14) in an underside of the covering flange for retaining a lug (15) of a tongue in the compensating strip (5) also developed from an extruded profile, all sections of the covering flange lying flat over the floor covering they cover. (Fig. 1